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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jeffrey G. Marx et al.

Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
RIGID RETICULATED ARTICLES

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 1, 2001. Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-26 and 37-41, for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Claims 1-26 and 37-41 (Group I), drawn to a reticulated article and a process of producing the article, and Claims 27-36 (Group II), drawn to a method of forming a ceramic article.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims, or re-instate the non-elected claims if an elected general linking claim is allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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